

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #9-H: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BEACHES TO BLUEGRASS TRAIL

SUBJECT:

Beaches to Bluegrass Support Letter

BACKGROUND:

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is currently developing a plan for a statewide Beaches to Bluegrass Trail (“Trail”)– a conceptual trail that will stretch from the Cumberland Gap to the oceanfront in Virginia Beach. The goal is to link existing state and local facilities where possible (such as the Tobacco Heritage Trail and Virginia Creeper Trail) to create a multi-use trail across the entire Commonwealth.

The proposed Trail alignment passes through several south Hampton Roads localities using a variety of existing, planned, or conceptual trails. The final miles of the proposed Trail will overlap with the proposed South Hampton Roads Trail, a regional trail network which aims to connect several local projects from downtown Suffolk to the Atlantic Ocean.

DCR has requested a letter from the HRPDC in support of the Trail concept as well as the dual designation of the South Hampton Roads Trail with the Beaches to Bluegrass Trail.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve a support letter be sent to DCR.